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Stated Meeting, December 15, 1893.

President, Mr. FRALEY, in the Chair.

Dr. Charles Schäffer was presented to the Society and took his seat.

The President reported that the memorial authorized by the Society at its last meeting had been signed, and presented to Congress by Senator Cameron and Representative Harmer.

Letters of envoy were received from the Ministère des Travaux Publics, Paris, France; Société de Geographie de Toulouse, France; Royal Statistical Society, Zoölogical Society, London, Eng.; Royal Irish Academy, Dublin; Literary and Historical Society, Quebec, Canada; Bureau of Ethnology, Washington D. C.; Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts and Letters, Madison; Colorado Scientific Society, Denver, Colo.; Geological Survey of Texas, Austin.

Letters of acknowledgment were received from Institut Egyptien, Cairo (139, 140); Comité Geologique de la Russie, St. Petersburg (139–141); Societas pro Fauna et Flora Fennica, Helsingfors (139–141); Akademia Umiejetnosci, Krakow, Austria (139–141); Prof. Peter R. von Tunner, Leoben, Austria (139–141); Anthropologische Gesellschaft (140, 141); Dr. Friedrich S. Krauss, Vienna, Austria (141); Naturforschende Gesellschaft des Osterlandes, Altenburg (141); Anthropologische Gesellschaft, Berlin, Prussia (141); Universitäts Bibliothek, Bonn, Prussia (141); K. Sächs. Meteorologische Institut, Chemnitz, Saxony (141); Geographische Gesellschaft, Naturhistorische Gesellschaft, Hannover, Prussia (140); Naturwissenschaftlicher Verein für Schleswig-Holstein, Kiel, Prussia (140); K. Säch. Gesellschaft der Wissenschaften (137, 141); Prof. I. Victor Carus, Leipzig, Saxony (141); Société de Physique et d'Histoire Naturelle, Geneva, Switzerland (140); R. Comitato Geologico d'Italia, R. Accademia dei Lincei, Rome, Italy (141); Musée Guimet (141), Dr. Edward Pepper (139, 140), Paris, France; Royal Society (141, and

Trans., xvii, 3; xviii, 1), Geological Society (141, and Trans., xvii, 3; xviii, 1), Dr. W. H. Flower (140, 141), London, Eng.; Radcliffe Observatory, Oxford, Eng. (141, and Trans., xvii, 3; xviii, 1); R. Geological Society of Cornwall, Penzance, Eng. (141); Mr. Joseph Prestwick, Kent, Eng. (139); Academy of Science, Rochester, N. Y. (140, 141); State Mineralogist, San Francisco, Cal. (140, 141); Dr. C. S. Dolley, Philadelphia (140); Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D. C. (137–139); Museo Nacional, Buenos Aires, S. A. (136–138).

Accessions to the library were reported from the Nederlandsche Botanische Vereeniging, Nijmegen; M. Richard Wagner, Jena, Germany; Ministère des Travaux Publics, Paris, France; Victoria Institute, Editors of *Nature*, London, Eng.; Literary and Historical Society, Quebec, Canada; Indian Rights Association, Dr. C. A. Oliver, Mr. Henry Phillips, Jr., Philadelphia; U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, Bureau of Ethnology, Washington, D. C.; Academy of Sciences, Austin, Texas; University of California, Berkeley; Agricultural Experiment Station, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

An obituary notice of the late Joseph Zentmayer, by Dr. Charles A. Oliver, was presented.

The following deaths were announced:

Joseph D. Potts, Philadelphia, December 3, 1893, æt. 64.

John Tyndall, London, December 5, 1893, æt. 74.

On motion, the President was authorized to appoint a suitable person to prepare an obituary notice of the late Joseph D. Potts.

The appropriations for the ensuing year were deferred until the next regular meeting of the Society.

This being the evening for balloting for candidates for membership, nominations Nos. 1249, 1265, 1266, 1267 were read, spoken to and balloted for.

Pending nominations Nos. 1268–1274 were read.

A communication entitled, "A Tabulation of the Movement of Civilized Society Westward in the Natural Order of Time," was presented through the Secretaries with a negative recommendation.

On motion, the Secretaries were instructed to return the same to the author as undesirable for publication by the Society.

Dr. Cope presented for the Proceedings a paper by Prof. Jesse W. Hubbard, entitled, "The Yolk Nucleus in *Cymatogaster aggregatus*."

Dr. Cope made some remarks upon the results of late explorations by Mr. Henry C. Mercer, of the Durham Cave of Bucks county, Pa., near Easton, and of Hartman's cave, Monroe county, Pa., near Stroudsburg.

Dr. Brinton spoke of the negative results from the researches heretofore made by Mr. Mercer in American caves, as furnishing no evidence of the existence of a race prior to the Indian inhabitants of this continent.

After all the other business of the meeting was ended, the ballots cast were counted by the Tellers, who reported to the President that the formalities necessary for election to membership had not been fulfilled in the present instance.

And the Society was adjourned by the President.

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*Obituary Notice of Joseph Zentmayer.**

By Charles A. Oliver, M.D.

(*Read before the American Philosophical Society, December 15, 1893.*)

"Two things," says Kant, "fill me with awe, the starry heavens and the sense of moral responsibility in man," but how insignificant are these wonderful words to that marvelous expression,

> "Whene'er a noble deed is wrought,
> Whene'er is spoken a noble thought,
> Our hearts in glad surprise
> To higher levels rise. . . . ."

of one of America's greatest teachers of poetical truth. So here, when it becomes the duty of one to give the life history of another greater than

* The writer is under obligations to Prof. Ryder and many others for the facts and dates herein given.